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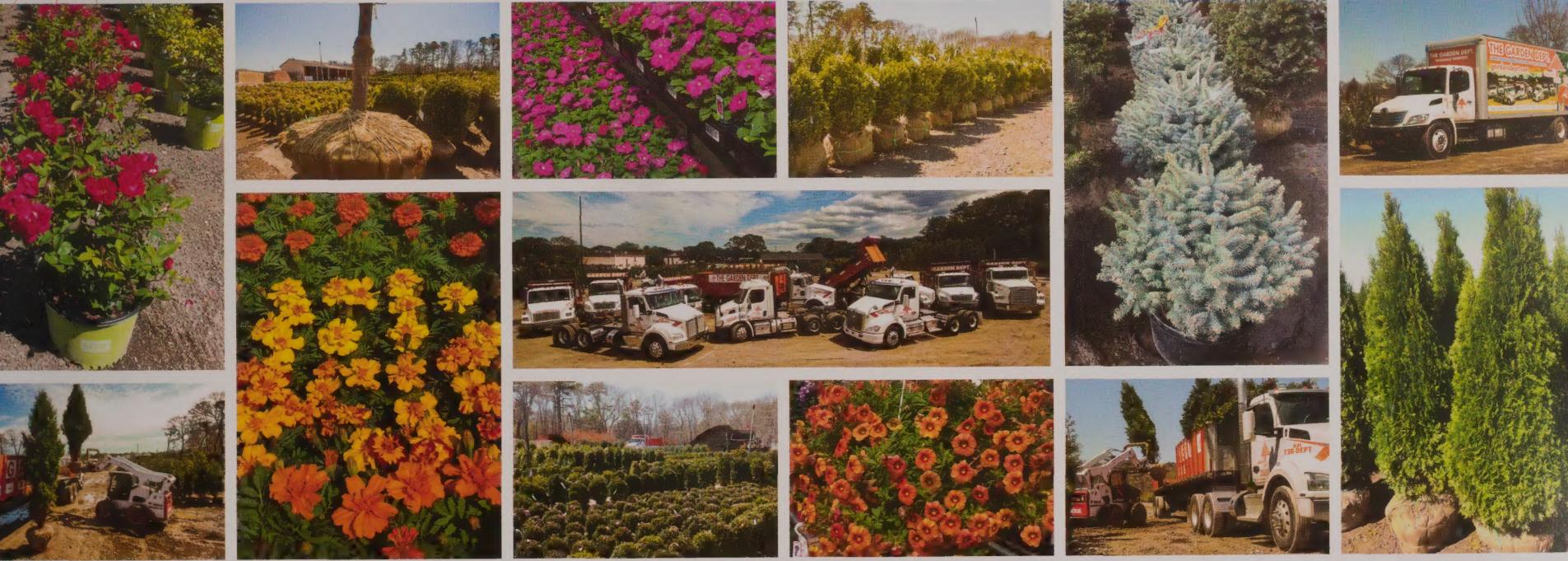
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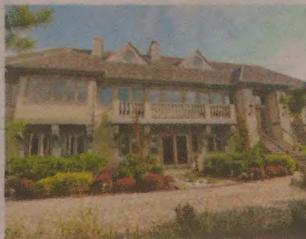
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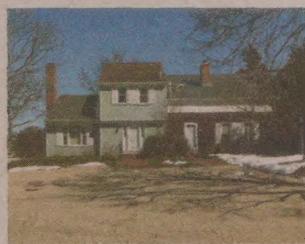
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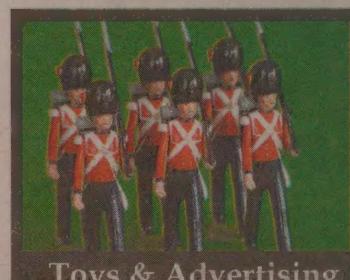
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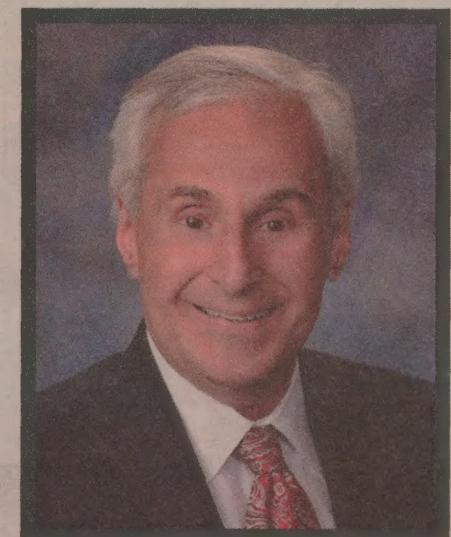
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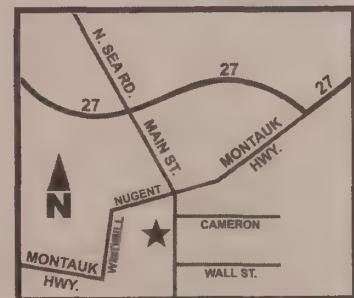
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Bon Jovi, helmed by East Hampton's **Jon Bon Jovi**, was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame last weekend. The group, including former members **Richie Sambora** and **Alec John Such**, played for an hour during the ceremony, and Jon Bon Jovi gave a 20-minute speech. Fans can see the ceremony, including Bon Jovi's official induction by fellow South Forker **Howard Stern**, next month on HBO.

East Hampton resident **Beyoncé** treated fans to a two-hour concert during the Coachella music festival in Indio, California last weekend. Performing a variety of hits, Queen Bey was joined by her husband, **Jay-Z**, and former Destiny's Child members **Kelly Rowland** and **Michelle Williams**. After thanking Coachella for inviting her to be the first black woman to headline the festival, she dedicated the evening to "all the incredible women who opened the door to me."

Congratulations, **Gwyneth Paltrow** and **Brad Falchuk**! The Amagansett resident and her fiancé celebrated their pending nuptials with an engagement party at the Los Angeles Theater last weekend. Among the 400 guests were East End regular **Liv Tyler**, **Cameron Diaz**, **Reese Witherspoon**, **Julia Roberts**, **Kate Hudson**, **Jennifer Aniston** and **Demi Moore**. Though some suspect the bash was actually a secret wedding, others report the pair will marry in the Hamptons this summer. The happy couple has been together since 2014.

Sag Harbor's celebrity hair stylist **Marc Zowine** and his future husband **Matthew Carmody** are off to Tuscany on vacation next month. *Non ci piove!*

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## The Hamptons Subway Newsletter

BY DAN RATTINER

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### DOWN IN THE TUBE

Author Ron Chernow was seen aboard a Hamptons Subway car at the Sag Harbor station last Wednesday heading for East Hampton. He was carrying a book about President Martin Van Buren, one of the few Presidents about whom he has not written a biography. Is Marty in our future? Author Roger Rosenblatt was seen boarding a subway at Southampton heading toward Water Mill. Also boarding was JLo.

### COMMISSIONER ASPINALL ATTACKED

A former Assistant Commissioner of the Hamptons Subway, Thomas O'Dell, has written a tell-all book about the man who fired him, his former boss Commissioner Bill Aspinall, who remains commissioner today. According to O'Dell's tell-all, during the time he was Assistant Commissioner, he accompanied Aspinall to Fiji on what was supposed to be a trip to see if those

people wanted help in having a subway there, and instead, Aspinall brought two prostitutes to his room at the Hilton Hotel and watched as they engaged in arm wrestling. Aspinall paid for the prostitutes with Subway money, listing them on his expense account as "advisors."

### SOUTHHAMPTON?

The Southampton Subway Stop is to be renamed the "Southhampton." The name change is deliberate, thought up by Hamptons Subway's new marketing director Adrienne Wallace, who comes to us from the law office of Michael Cohen in Manhattan, where she worked as public relations director for the last year. According to Ms. Wallace, a great deal of publicity will be coming the Subway's way as the media tries to either make fun of, talk about the historic antecedents of, or discuss the meaning of this misspelling. The resulting fame could spread Hamptons Subway's existence far and wide. If this works, she says, she will rename some of the other stops. Could Hampton Buoy be next?

### SUBWAY DELAYS

Hamptons Subway still operates its stop-and-

go transmission system the old fashioned way, by stationing flagmen in the tunnels who wave either red, orange or green flags at the arriving trains. On Friday morning, it was discovered that all the orange flags had been taken away during the night, leaving the flagmen with no ability to tell the motormen to "go-slow." Commissioner Aspinall halted service for two hours system wide at 1 p.m. that day to decide how to deal with this—the orange flags have still not been returned—and service resumed at 3:30 p.m. with the flagmen instructed to make a "palms down wiggling motion" at the approaching trains to caution them to throttle down and that is how the trains are running today. There's talk of doing away with the flags entirely and just having the flagmen stand at their stations and wave trains through or hold up a palm (which means stop). More later.

### ON TIME THURSDAY

The results of a new employee plan to have all the trains run on time all day Thursday—On Time Thursday posters are posted in all employee bathrooms—revealed that indeed the trains have run on time since this plan was put into effect four weeks ago. Now, the Commissioner is authorizing a new On Time Tuesday plan beginning next Monday. If this is a success too, he intends to then inaugurate On Time Wednesday, which would give us three days in a row on time. Wouldn't that be something?

### COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

Do not buy Thomas O'Dell's new tell-all about me. He is a peanut. A peanut without a brain. He's also an animal.

Drivers headed in all directions found it impossible to enter the rotary because of the high speed at which the pursued driver and the police officer were traveling around in it. The rotary forms a bottleneck in the area through which all cars must pass. Unable to proceed, lines of cars stretched for miles along the three roads that feed into the rotary. The situation lasted for over five hours, until at last the car belonging to the pursued driver ran out of gas and sputtered to a stop. "We questioned the driver," says Hirsch. "He claimed that it was an innocent mistake, and that once he had got going so fast in the rotary that he genuinely feared for his safety if he were to stop. All in all, the Hamptons Police see this as a cautionary tale: from now on, we don't plan to enforce stop signs at all—it just leads to trouble." After the rotary chase ended, it took about two hours for traffic to return to normal in the area.

*Read more Hamptons Police Blotter on DansPapers.com.*



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### ROTARY CHASE CREATES TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE

On Thursday, traffic on Scuttlehole Road came to a standstill in both directions as a police chase in progress occupied the rotary in Water Mill for over five hours. "What began as a minor traffic infraction became a headache for thousands of East End motorists," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. Hirsch explains that the snarl began when a police officer observed a motorist running a stop sign south of the rotary, and proceeded to follow the car, heading north toward the rotary. "As anyone out here knows, we usually

let a failure to stop infraction go," says Hirsch, "but, in this case, the officer decided to follow and see if the driver made any other mistakes. It's always nice to write a ticket for multiple offences."

According to Hirsch, about 100 feet south of the rotary, the officer observed the driver of the car he was following begin speaking on a handheld cell phone, and at that point the officer turned on his siren and flashers. "He tried to get the guy to pull over before the rotary, but that didn't happen," says Hirsch. Instead, the pursued driver maneuvered his car into the rotary at high speed, followed closely by the police cruiser. "At that point they basically became stuck," says Hirsch. "The pursued driver refused to exit the rotary, and just kept driving at high speed around and around. Likewise, our officer continued to chase after him. Neither of them could stop, for fear that the other would crash into them. But there wasn't any way to set up a roadblock or any other impediment."

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## 2018 Guild Hall Artist Members Exhibition in East Hampton

Guild Hall's 80th Annual Artist Members Exhibition—the oldest non-juried museum exhibition on Long Island and one of the few non-juried exhibitions still offered—opened Saturday, April 14. This community-centered exhibition is an opportunity to celebrate the artists who live and work right here on the East End. In total, this year's lively and vibrant exhibition features 383 local artists from every level, exhibiting more than 400 works in every medium. The exhibition runs through May 19.

Photographs by Carole Blankman Ginsburg



## An Afternoon of Flute & Piano Chamber Music

The Sunday Series presented An Afternoon of Flute & Piano Chamber Music on April 15 at Christ Episcopal Church in Sag Harbor. Musicians Allison Bourquin O'Reilly and Dr. Daniel W. Koontz performed both classical and new music for a full house.

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# The Great Potato

*Backers at World's Fair Want to Feature Big Long Island Potato*

BY DAN RATTINER

In the fall of 1890, Ferris Talmadge Sr., who owned a potato farm in the Springs, received a letter from the promoters of the upcoming Chicago World's Fair of 1893. They heard of him, they wrote, and they wanted to ask if he would, for a fee, grow the largest potato in the country so it could be brought to Chicago and be put on view for the visitors there. Of course, Talmadge said yes. The fee would be big, though.

The following spring, Talmadge took a special cutting out to one corner of his farm and planted it on a low hill there. This was a considerable distance from his regular potato field. He would need lots of room for the big potato to grow.

During that summer of 1891, Talmadge had his farmhands rake a special kind of potato food he'd created into the soil. When the potato plant peeped up out of the ground in late April, he had a special kind of water ready for it, too.

The potato grew all through the summer of 1891, and Talmadge could see that the height of the hill was rising and he was pleased. But that fall, when he dug up all the rest of his potatoes he left this one in. To grow really big, he knew, he would need another growing season.

The promoters of the Chicago World's Fair wrote him that autumn and asked him how things were going, and he said right on schedule. He expected to have it ready to harvest in the autumn of 1892. It would be ready in plenty of time for the Chicago

World's Fair of 1893, scheduled to open in April.

The next autumn, however, Talmadge felt the potato still wasn't quite ready. It had been a hot summer. It just wasn't ripe.

When the promoters wrote him that fall to arrange for shipping, he wrote back saying he wanted to leave the potato in the ground for one more winter. He would have it out at the end of March, at the beginning of the thaw. He knew this was cutting things close and he knew the promoters would be panicky about this, but he asked them to trust him. They said they would.

In late March of 1893, on a warm Monday morning, Talmadge climbed the big hill at the edge of his field, kicked at the ground and said his potato was ready.

He brought his six farmhands over with picks and shovels, and they labored for an entire day just to uncover the top of the potato. It was big, all right. From end to end, it measured more than 33 feet.

The workmen dug for the rest of the week and into the next. By the following Thursday, they had dug all around the big potato and it was completely visible there, sitting deep in a big hole. Half the townspeople of the Springs came out that Thursday afternoon to have a look.

How was Talmadge going to get that potato out of there, the people wanted to know? It was going to be a problem. Talmadge put a thick rope around the potato and tied it to a team of six horses. But the horses pulled and pulled and the potato would *(Continued on next page)*



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not move. They pulled all day until they were bathed in sweat. Nothing happened.

That night, Talmadge had a brainstorm. In the morning, he asked that the strongest wagon in the village be brought up to the big hole and then pushed down into it, next to the potato. Then he got a team of 12 horses and tied ropes from them to the potato, and after 20 minutes of mighty pulling they had raised the potato up about seven feet, just high enough for Talmadge's men to push the wagon under one side of it.

The wagon creaked and groaned with this added weight, but it held. Talmadge brought over a second wagon and placed it next to the hole, but on the other side. The farmhands and the horses then pulled and pulled and lifted the other side of the potato up seven feet, high enough for that second wagon to be shoved down into the hole and under it.

The two wagons holding up the potato were then tied together in tandem with heavy ropes. This was a dangerous business, with the farmhands under this enormous weight that might give way at any moment. But in the end, the effort was successful. After that, everybody went home for the night, exhausted.

The next morning, the men used picks and shovels to dig an incline up one side of the hole so the two wagons could be hauled out. The farmhands got behind the back, the team of 12 horses tugged on the ropes tied to the front and they pulled that potato up the side and out

into the pasture and, by evening and with great effort, down to the rocky beach there at the end of Fireplace Road.

It took about 10 days for Talmadge to come to the conclusion that there wasn't a boat owner on eastern Long Island willing to haul that potato to Chicago. Talmadge wrote the promoters a letter telling them he had the potato on the beach but that was all. The promoters said they would take possession right there.

Six days later, a freight boat from Manhattan arrived in the bay just off Fireplace and dropped anchor. It was towing a barge, which was floated to a sandbar near shore. Ropes were secured from a winch on the barge to the wagons and potato and the lot was cranked out through the surf and onto the barge where, lo and behold, it was found that the cargo floated!

The freight boat towed the barge away. But just 200 yards out, the wind came up, the surf began to chop, and the freight boat's captain ordered the barge returned to the shore. It was too dangerous to proceed. The potato and its two wagons were taken off. And there they remained, on the beach but now the property of the promoters of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Local folks were very depressed about this situation. But two days later, Talmadge received a telegram. The promoters had wonderful news. Due to other delays, the fair opening had been postponed to June 15. So now there was much more time.

"As you may know," the letter said, "more

than a dozen railroads come into Chicago from around the country. The fair is alongside one of them. We have contacted Austin Corbin, the owner of the Pennsylvania and Long Island railroads, and he has agreed to extend the Long Island Rail Road, which currently ends in Southampton 20 miles from you, all the way to East Hampton, just three miles from you, by June 1. Can your horse team haul the potato to downtown East Hampton by June 5? You'll see the new tracks. We'll have a freight car there big enough to handle the situation. Just 72 hours later, we'll have the potato. We are very excited about this."

Again, Talmadge said yes. And what a day that was. On June 3, 1893, the whole town escorted that potato on its two wagons to where the train tracks now ended at Newtown Lane. The high school band played. President Grover Cleveland came from Washington. And at sunset, an enormous steam locomotive puffing black smoke arrived to haul that potato off heading west—the first train ever out of our town.

To be honest, nobody ever heard of the potato after that. And Talmadge never revealed what the promoters had paid him to grow this giant potato. But for years afterwards, every March, Talmadge would hand out big bonuses to his farmhands. The money came, he said, from the annual check he was getting from Chicago. It was certainly quite a windfall for this community. ■





Courtesy The Ross School

# A Grander Ross School

*When the Ross School Offered to Spend \$100 Million & Double Its Size*

BY DAN RATTINER

**A**t the present time, the internationally known private prep school, the Ross School, operates out of two campuses, one in East Hampton and the other in Bridgehampton. The Bridgehampton campus, called the Lower School, is for younger children in grades pre-K to 6 and consists of about 40 students on a relatively small campus on Butter Lane in Bridgehampton comprising 8.3 acres. The Upper School, which is for grades 7-12, has a student body of about 320 students from dozens of countries around the world, many boarding here, and operates on a grand 63-acre campus on Goodfriend Drive in East Hampton.

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, the Lower School will move its student body to the campus of the Upper School, so all students will be taught on one campus rather than two, which are six miles apart.

There are good reasons to do this. The main one is that it will allow the younger kids ages 4 to 11 to intermingle with the older kids as well as the teachers, guest lecturers and administration in the full context of the school. Another, is that it will provide the Lower

School with a much wider range of activities on the 63-acre campus in East Hampton. And finally, it will become more intimate and cost-effective and offer better communications and transportation than what is currently in place.

One wonders why the Ross School decided to have a separate campus for the younger kids in Bridgehampton in the first place. And the answers are interesting.

The Ross School was founded in 1991 by Courtney and Steven J. Ross. Steven Ross, in those years, was the legendary and very wealthy businessman who merged Time and Warner in the late 1980s. He and Courtney had one daughter, Nicole, who went to the Manhattan school Spence up through third grade. At that time, though, as Courtney had her own ideas on education, they took her out of Spence and began taking her on international travels with a tutor to give her a broad, intellectual and interesting education. When several other Manhattan parents asked if their little children could join these expeditions, the answer was yes. And from there grew up a school for these very privileged kids.

Steve Ross died in 1992, and Courtney decided to make it her life's work to bring this well-

rounded sort of education to a wider circle of students. In the early 1990s, Courtney bought 63 acres of woods that included a commercial loop road called Goodfriend Park and began the Ross School there. At first it was just in one building and was for girls grade 5-8. In 1997 they began to teach boys there, too.

The curriculum is unusual. Called a spiral curriculum, it is taught in eight intellectual categories that weave world cultural history, world language and literature, science, math, visual arts, performing arts, media studies and technology and wellness through all the grades. The idea is that civilization on this planet consists of a wide range of cultures and customs, living both separately or together, over time. Ross students would be presented with it all, slowly at first, but then in more of its cultural complexity as their years at Ross went on. They would also be encouraged to interact with the world as early as possible. It would be an exciting educational experience in an inspirational setting.

Today the school has nearly a dozen buildings with nearly a quarter-million square feet of space nestled in the woods of this 63-acre campus. It is widely (Continued on next page)

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respected in the world of education and attracts a student body from more than 20 countries around the world. Since 2001, the Ross School has graduated students and sent them off to some of the finest colleges in the world.

Then there was this: In 2000, when Courtney was backing the school almost entirely with her own funds, she announced a plan to expand her project by spending an additional \$100 million to more than double it in size. There was an additional 130 acres of woods adjoining the Goodfriend property for sale, and Ross's plan was to buy it and grow the student body to nearly 500 and have a faculty and administration team of similar size.

**Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, the Lower School will move its student body to the Upper School, so all students will be on one campus.**

At this size and strength, the Ross School would become one of the most prestigious private preparatory schools in the country and have a major impact on education in America. Courtney Ross obtained the property, drew up plans to show new sports fields, classrooms, an elementary school building, two performance centers, several ecology labs and more. All together, there would be many more buildings on the property, and with that she proceeded to make an application, together

with an environmental impact statement, to East Hampton Town to make this dream come true.

I thought this was a wonderful idea. East Hampton would not only be a fishing, farming, tourist and summer community, but also a pre-college town with a prestigious private school that could rival one such as Choate in Wallingford, Connecticut. Choate has 855 students on 458 acres in more than 100 buildings, many of which are dormitories.

Because our current community is largely commercially active in the summertime as a resort and second-home destination, such a school, which either shuts down or reduces its offerings in the summer, would create a year-round commercial employment situation. Also this would provide a new cultural atmosphere to this place. With its many lectures, performances, debates and shows, the community would benefit from this extraordinary intellectual atmosphere.

The town turned Courtney down. The decision seemed to be decided upon the fact that some endangered hoot owls spent time in this woods on their way migrating from their winter quarters to their summer quarters. There were also issues brought up about its proximity to East Hampton Airport, about its effect on amphibians, birds and deer. Also, water quality. And so, it was not to be. Courtney Ross abandoned her plans for the additional 130 acres. And in 2006, Ross bought a small 8-acre private elementary school campus in



Ross School students greet Courtney Sale Ross & her daughter

Bridgehampton that had been founded around 1970 as the Hampton Day School.

So that's the story. Time has passed. Courtney Ross still actively oversees the school, but has passed the baton of running it to a new day-to-day leadership team that includes Bill O'Hearn, Jeanette Tyndall and Andi O'Hearn. The Ross experience has grown nevertheless. And it is, honestly, a pleasure to have such an educational institution—though maybe not as big as hoped—in our midst. ☕

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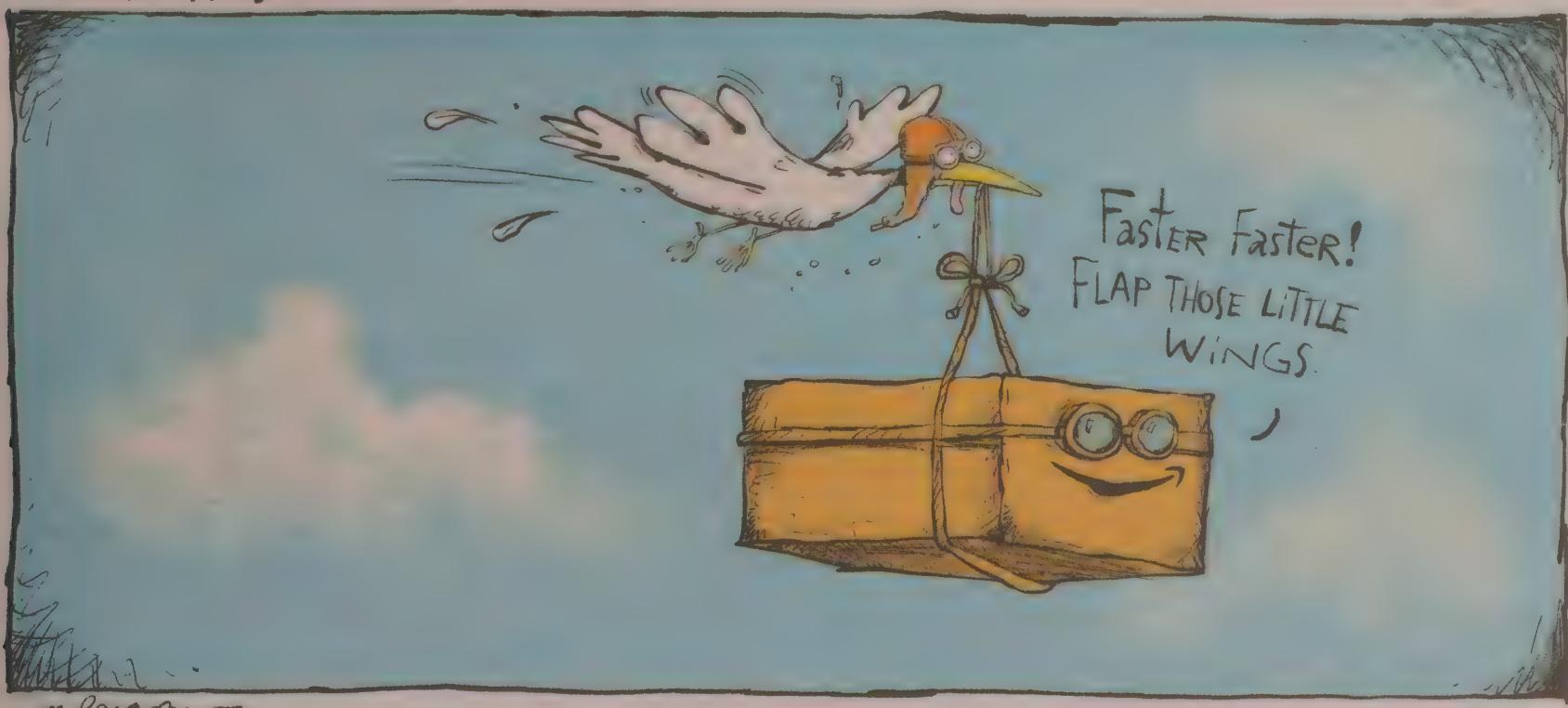
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# East End P.O. May Close

*Delivering Packages from Amazon & Others Is Becoming Too Much Work*

BY DAN RATTINER

Last week, Donald Trump attacked Amazon for using the U.S. Postal Service to deliver its packages to consumers. He tweeted that Amazon considers the Post Office a "Delivery Boy." Since Amazon is now the Postal Service's largest single customer, this has to stop.

The trouble is, the U.S. Postal Service considers Amazon its salvation. The more Amazon packages are sent, the more money they make. It's the regular old-fashioned lick-a-stamp service that has nosedived. Before Amazon, the Postal Service was losing \$2.7 billion a year because not enough employees were getting laid off to account for the nosedive. An upswing in packages stabilizes the service.

There are two weird things about this. First, our president, a businessman, doesn't look at this deeply enough before firing off his tweet. And this man has his finger on a nuclear button.

The second thing is an article in *Newsday* about a post office on Long Island that considers itself in deep trouble because of an increase in packages. It's so bad, they think they may have to shut down. As you read on, consider how a dramatic increase in Amazon delivery would be perceived at a private company such as USP and FedEx, both of which are investing, growing and building more facilities to handle

the increase and making more money as their stock prices go up. They love this.

The post office that may close is in the Village of Saltaire on Fire Island. It's a summer operation. The post office could send a few employees to take the ferry out there in the summertime, but that wasn't how they did it. Why? I don't know. Maybe they found that too complicated. Instead, they contracted with the Village of Saltaire to run it, paying the village a fee for their efforts. The village hires the part-time people and keeps track of them. There are two of them, one of whom, according to *Newsday*, is 83 years old. The deal is that the Post Office sells the Village its stamps for the price of the stamps. There's no profit in it. In the old days it was maybe two bags a day. The two employees sorted those bags and put them in the mail slots. They would also hold packages in the back for the residents, but they were paid nothing extra for holding packages.

The Postal Service has paid Saltaire the astonishingly low fee of \$2,500 a summer to run the office. There are no cars in Saltaire on Fire Island. People get their mail at the post office and, if there is a large package, transport it by pulling red metal toy wagons.

"That sort of small town post office operation has turned into a freight depot for us," Village Administrator Mario Posillico told *Newsday*, pointing out that the back room overflowed

last summer. The packages are shipped from the mainland by ferry, and whatever the arrangement is with the post office is also now completely inadequate.

"It's become a challenge," said Tim Moonie, the President of Fire Island Ferries. "This is not what we signed up for." He told *Newsday* they sometimes ferried nearly 1,000 packages a day last summer.

Saltaire asked for more money from the U.S. Postal Service for 2018. The business has increased nearly tenfold in the last 10 years. Washington said they'd give them \$15,000.

"Our big issue is once you realize the packages are not going to stop coming, you really have to figure out what's the best way to control the process," Mayor John Zaccaro Jr. told *Newsday*.

What seems to have happened is that somewhere in the jumble of bureaucracy in Washington, nobody got the message that 10 times \$2,500 is \$25,000. The Postal Service, nationally, loses \$16 billion a year. And they want more money on Fire Island? Hey, we're broke!

And so, Saltaire may just close up. The 400 residents would have to get their mail on the mainland. And the Postal Service, instead of seizing the increase in the packages as an opportunity as UPS or FedEx would, just doesn't get it. As for Trump, here's a businessman who should know better.

# An Old Book on Communism & the Bright Future Ahead

BY DAN RATTINER

**M**any local people here live in homes that have been passed down for generations. Interesting stuff turns up. The founding families of the towns here go back to the 17th century: Hildreth, Strong, Hallock, Corwith. Their descendants are among us today.

Recently, after dinner at the home of one of these families, we sat in the library where, up on a shelf, I came across a book—between *Situations* by John Paul Sartre and *Union Power and the Public Interest* by Dr. Emerson Schmidt—titled *Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism: A Manual*. I asked if I could browse through it and they said sure. So I did.

It was a hardcover book, nearly 800 pages, published by the state-run Foreign Languages Publishing House in Moscow in what was then the U.S.S.R. An introduction stated this book was a manual, originally in Russian, explaining the Marxist-Leninist world outlook, then translated into 20 languages for Readers of the world unite! distribution around the world to urge comrades to join the Communist Party. World conquest by the Communists was writ large throughout. There was no middle ground. There were those who espoused Capitalism and Colonialism. And then there were Communists. With the Communism, all the people—the intellectuals,



Courtesy The Ross School  
the peasants and the workers, as the book put it—shared in the largess of society equally. With the other the rich got richer and the poor got poorer. It would be a fight, and one had to defeat the other. The publication date was 1961.

Chapters bore titles such as "Bankruptcy of Bourgeois Sociology," "The General Law of Capitalist Accumulation," "The Marxist-Leninist Party and Its Role in the Workers' Class Struggle" and "Aggravation of the Problem of Sovereignty in the Era of Imperialism."

At the end was a chapter about what to expect after the Communists won. I thought it astonishing and of interest today—particularly in a section on science.

In this chapter, the academician V.A. Obruchev, the well-known Soviet scientist, reflecting on what people have a right to expect of science, wrote:

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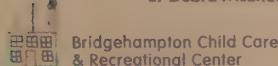
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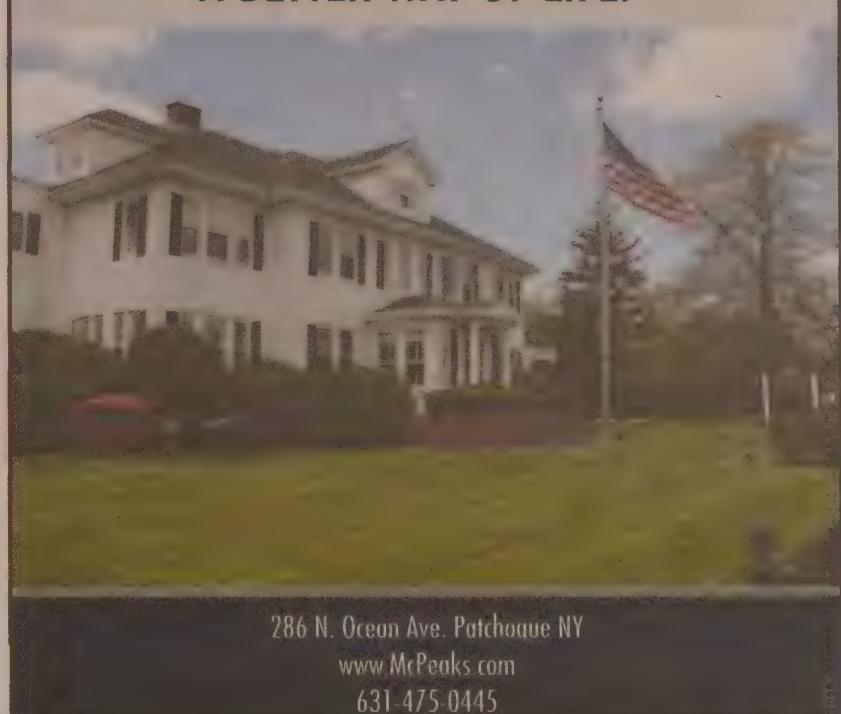
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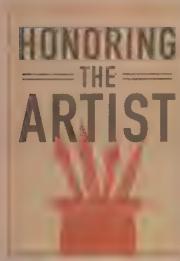
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# This Week's Cover Artist: Adam Straus

BY BRIAN CUDZILO



“Old News: In the Garden” is about putting a more timeless image of beauty and nature on top of our current news, our daily record of human triumph, tragedy and folly,” says Adam Straus says of this week’s cover art. The painting itself is done with oil and pencil atop copies of *The New York Times*, transferred and glued to the canvas. “I wanted a crazy kind of growth coming out of this mostly bad news, an escape from the day to day.”

## Do you consider your art political?

Almost everything I've done as an artist has been filtered through my upbringing of social political awareness and activism combined with a magical childhood immersed in the adventure of exploring and learning about the nature of south Florida. That said, sometimes I simply want to make a beautiful picture where I attempt to render the magic and awe of an experience in nature. And, living on the East End for the last 15 years has inspired a substantial amount of that kind of painting.

## What brought you from Florida to the East End?

I moved to New York [when] I was 34-years-old. [I'd] wanted to try living in the city for

quite a while and figured if I didn't do it then, I never would. After 13 years, I found myself increasingly yearning for the horizon line and to witness the green of something growing. My wife and I were also expecting a child and wanted a little more space to raise him, or her, in. So, in 2003, we moved to Riverhead. It's interesting to me how living in the city makes one hyper aware of space, nature and the color green. I don't think I will ever completely forget that lesson. **Where's the strangest/most unusual place your work has appeared?**

I can't really think of a strange or unusual place, but one of my favorites is in the ambassador's residence in Havana, Cuba. A large seascape painting of mine inspired by a rough Long Island Sound was chosen to be part of the Art in Embassies program there several years ago. I grew up on Key Biscayne with kids from the first wave of families that fled Cuba after the revolution. Since then, there has been this vast sea of differences and a lot of dangerous water between our two governments both real and metaphoric. To have my painting of this rough sea shown there was very special to me. So many people had ventured out on the real body of water between us, many dying in the process. For me, and hopefully others, the context had a profound effect on the meaning of the painting.

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Adam Straus

If you could sit down to coffee with any artist from history, who would it be and what would you talk about?

I was very fortunate to have met and hung out a bit with Robert Rauschenberg and James Rosenquist in the '80s. I would love to see them again but I don't think we'd be drinking coffee. I'd love to ask Rauschenberg if what a friend of mine that knew him had told me was true, that his mother had used some of his paintings to board up her windows in advance of a hurricane. And, that she had put them up face-in because she didn't want the neighbors to think she was crazy. I'd love to watch Duchamp play chess or talk to Mark Rothko and Franz Kline about whether or not landscape painting can ever be viable. To watch Vija Celmins paint and talk to her about how she does what she does. Or, go back and tell Van Gogh that he is going to be known and loved beyond his wildest dreams and to please just keep painting.

Read an extended version of this interview at [DansPapers.com](http://DansPapers.com). See more of Straus's work at the Grenning Gallery (17 Washington Street, Sag Harbor), at Nohra Haime Gallery in Manhattan and at [adamstraus.net](http://adamstraus.net).

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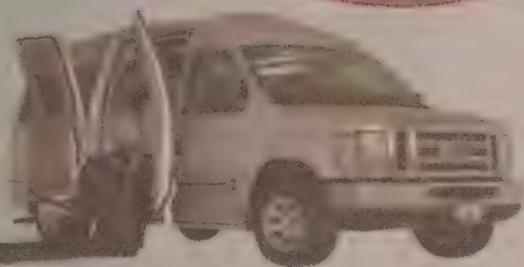
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**7pm** – *The Healing Power of Nature* with John P. Cardone Book Talk & Signing

### Saturday, April 21st

**ALL DAY (10am-4pm)** – Free Open House at SoFo for Children and Adults

**9-10am** – SoFo Cleans the Beach at Sagg Main Beach

**10:30-11:30am** – Family Yoga in Nature with Laura Berland, Senior Yoga Instructor (\*)

**11:30-Noon** – Family Nature Walk in Vineyard Field (\*\*)

**Noon-2pm** – Bay Burger “Grab & Go” Sandwiches & Salads & Joe & Liza’s Ice Cream, available for purchase (\*)

**1:30-2:30pm** – Children’s Nature Scavenger Hunt & Prizes: Children 5+ (\*\*)

**1:30-2:30pm** – Make a Recycled Tin Can Planter: Family (\*)

**2:45-4pm** – Tick-Borne Illness Talk by Stony Brook Southampton Hospital Resource Center (Info table all day): Adults/Teens (\*)

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**1pm** – Optional bus pick-up back to SoFo

**1-2pm** – BYO Picnic Lunch at Mashashimuet Park: Adults/Teens (\*\*)

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## Local Art Collected in Southampton Arts Center

BY BERTRAND LANGHORNE

From Pollock and de Kooning to some as-yet-unknown artist, toiling away in a cramped and expensive studio somewhere, the East End has long been a haven for artists, bathed in the peculiar and unequaled light. The current exhibition at the Southampton Arts Center (SAC), *East End Collected4* (EEC4), celebrates the current crop of local artists. Thirty artists in total—some whose names you'll recognize, others who might be new—are featured in the exhibition curated by yet another East End artist, Paton Miller.

There's hardly enough space in this magazine to note each piece that caught this writer's eye, but let's try anyway (in alphabetical order): Mary Abbott's abstracts; "Alien Bloom," a collaborative installation by Eteri and Gocha Chkadua, especially when paired with Eteri's "If I Could I Would I Should" pieces that hang above; Gregory De La Haba's two "Totem Wave" pieces will get you in the mood for summer, and his "The Tarp" is stunning and sort of meta in that the characters on the large-scale, unmounted canvas are covering themselves in their own tarp; James Demartis's perfectly titled "Pipe Dream, 2008;" Michael Ferran's pieces made of shells; Sophie Howell's cloth maché masks; Ellen Frank's "Enameration of Wonders,



Bonnie B. Cohen's *Lake Titicaca*

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2018;" Lindsay Morris's Rorschach-esque pieces; Liz Sloan's "Blue Dab." See, not enough space.

It's something subtler that stood out most of all, however. Kudos to the curator, Paton Miller, for not only for finding this amazing work, but also for the presentation of it all. Perhaps the

most visually stunning pieces, in the context of the exhibition as a whole, are the sculptures by Hal Buckner—"Peace, 2015" up front and "Puberty #3, 2013" in the back. Buckner's sculptures are cut from a single piece of aluminum, creating a single, fluid line as if a thick permanent marker had left its stain suspended in mid-air.

Mary Mattingly's "Swimmer, 2014" also stands out, so to speak. The piece is 82" x 25", but under the light, the shadow it casts give the single wavy piece of automobile aluminum a different meaning entirely, one which an observer is forced stop and ponder.

As it will most likely be impossible to visit EEC4 and not feel newly inspired, SAC has organized a handful of related programs for us aspiring-artist types to take part in. Paton Miller will instruct a drawing workshop for adults on Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m. and another for kids, ages eight and up, on Saturday, May 12 at 3 p.m. Educators from the Children's Museum of the East End will host a free interactive mixed-media drop-in art workshop for families with

children on Saturday, April 28, from 1–3 p.m. and again on Friday, May 18, from 4–6 p.m. Artists Perry Burns, Gregory Delahaba, Micky Paraskevas, Abigail Vogel and Dan Welden will give a free talk on Sunday, April 29 at 4 p.m. May 5 at 11 a.m. offers a rare opportunity to receive an amazingly meditative sound bath and deep relaxation mindfulness meditation that will melt away your stress and leave you feeling calm and recharged—surrounded by art. The meditation is led by Bowl Master and Meditation DJ Daniel Lauter, who uses crystal bowls, crystal gongs, Tibetan and Himalayan bells, rain sticks, Ocarina, ambient soprano saxophone and other objects d'sound during this one-of-a-kind experience. The closing weekend—May 19 and 20—will see a concert by Mambo Loco and a Curator and Artists Gallery Tour and Toast.

EEC4 continues to reflect Miller's vision of the East End as an ideal environment for artists to create work and it marks the Southampton Arts Center as a home where the East End arts scene can continue to thrive. Simply to enter the SAC and take a stroll around this assemblage of local art is totally free. That's right, there's no charge to immerse yourself completely in this smorgasbord of art and see just what your artistic East End neighbors have been up to. ☀

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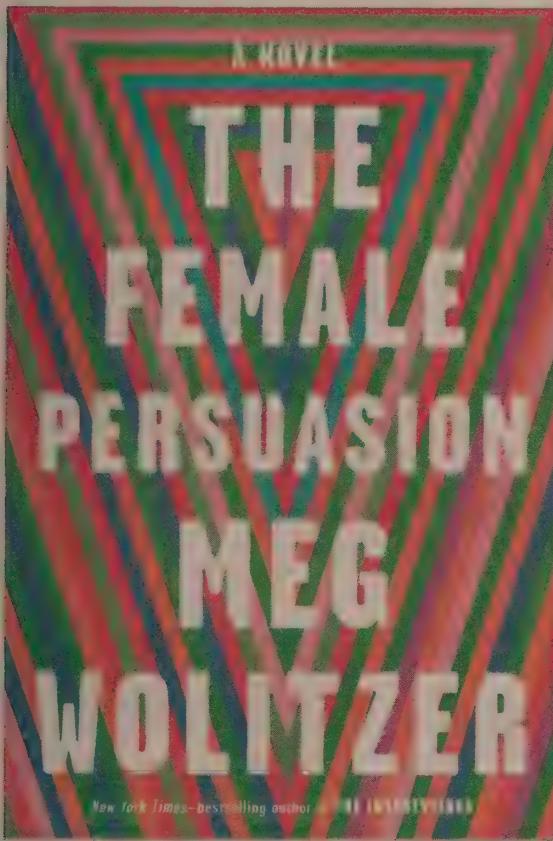
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# Meg Wolitzer Tackles Feminism in New Novel

BY SARAH STOSS

In a time when women's rights are constantly being evaluated through a modern lens, *The Female Persuasion*, Meg Wolitzer's new novel discussing hot-button issues across the evolving sphere of feminism, could not be timelier. Wolitzer's book is straightforward about the multidimensional nature of feminism, pointing out that there are many different approaches and focuses in the fight for gender equality. The question that will be consuming you by the end of this novel is: What does it really mean to be a feminist?

The majority of the novel is spent with Greer, who is in her late teens in the early 2000s as the novel begins and evolves into a complicated woman in her late 20s by the end. Greer is lost after her parents drop the ball on her financial aid, which leaves her unable to attend Yale, and so she ends up at a private liberal arts college instead. Greer holds resentment, feeling she is better than the college she is attending. The fact that she has to watch her long-term boyfriend, Cory, thrive at Princeton doesn't help her plight. Soon, Greer's perspective changes. She comes face to face with one of the major issues surrounding the women's movement: sexual assault. As a result of this experience, she and her friend Zee, a self-proclaimed activist for everything from women's rights to LGBTQ rights to environmental issues,



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become involved in a movement. This leads them to Faith Frank, who soon becomes Greer's idol. Zee, who is gay, often shows an interest in addressing injustices across a broader spectrum than just women's rights, while Greer is very much focused on the feminism Faith represents.

The way in which Wolitzer ties in the many issues women across the world face with the character's storylines feels natural and genuine.

As we come to understand how Faith became the feminist icon she is when she and Greer first meet in 2006, more issues dealing with the female experience are brought up. Faith's story includes abortion and power struggles. This is the point at which we really begin to see women as outsiders who must fight their way into the inner circle, which is what Faith has done. As the stories of

Faith and Greer intertwine, the complications of female friendship and mentorship come to the forefront. Wolitzer's juxtaposition of the old feminism with the new is well done in the way Faith and Greer interact, particularly at the end of the novel.

While this novel is about the female experience, Wolitzer doesn't leave the men out. Cory, mainly seen in his role as Greer's boyfriend, eventually steps out into his own story as well. After a heartbreak loss in his family, Cory is forced out of the role of boy and into that of a man. He moves home, after receiving a lifechanging job in Manila, to help put the pieces of his family back together, setting his career and romantic relationship aside. He takes on the cooking, cleaning and caregiving as his parents fall apart. Cory's role in the story shows a more balanced

side to feminism. Not at all about man hating, this novel makes Cory more likeable by the end than most of the female characters who appear utterly self-involved.

Wolitzer, with her strong writing and story telling, immerses readers in the lives of wildly different people who all end up dealing with problems central to the conversations we are having today. Wolitzer is not afraid to put her characters' flaws up front and center, and that is what makes this novel so compelling. Not at all preachy, but instead honest and complex, *The Female Persuasion* gives a full, multidimensional look at what it means to be a woman in the present day. ■

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Water Mill's Jennifer Lopez is sharing her signature glow with the masses. The singer and actress has partnered with **Inglot Cosmetics** for a limited-edition makeup collection. The new line, available April 26, includes 70 products. Lopez says in a statement, "The capsule collection we created with Inglot is filled with all my go-to products in my favorite colors. We have everything from mascara, lipsticks, eyelashes, blush, eye shadow and of course... bronzers." [inglotcosmetics.com](http://inglotcosmetics.com)

Returning Soon to East Hampton: St. Frank Textiles plans to bring its exciting prints, design custom lampshades and more back to 78 Main Street. On a much sweeter note, Dylan's Candy Bar isn't just for Manhattanites. The world-famous candy shop is set to reopen its East Hampton location at 52 Main Street later in the year. And last but not least, Vilebrequin—another boutique Hamptons will

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remember from last season—is slated to come back as well. Vilebrequin offers a variety of swimwear, polos, shirts, outerwear, sunglasses, bags, and other cool-for-the-summer accessories. Vilebrequin will return to 30 Main Street. **Brunello Cucinelli** is currently under construction but is expected to return to its Newtown Lane location in time for the season. The lux boutique has expanded to feature both men's and women's clothing as well as women's footwear and a men's home studio collection that features small leather goods, candles, cushions, blankets, towels, plaids, and more general décor. *39 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-324-3400, shop.brunelloccucinelli.com/*

### New Kids on the Block SoFo:

**The Exchange**, a new thrift shop at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Bridgehampton, is now officially open from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Thursdays–Saturdays. Customers started pouring in at their grand opening last week. 2350 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton.

An eagle-eyed reader of *Dan's Papers* spotted a sign on a Main Street window in Amagansett announcing that the village will have an **Amazon Fresh** pickup point this summer. *amazon.com/AmazonFresh*

Those in the know eagerly await the opening of the new outgrowth of Almond restaurant, **L & W Market**, right next door. Look for prepared foods straight from Almond's kitchen and Almond's own product line. "Think of it as Almond's kitchen being open all day minus the waiters," says chef and co-owner Jason Weiner. Caesar dressing, au poivre sauce and fermented chili powder, rotisserie chicken, lobster salad, pre-made sandwiches for the beach, soups, house-made charcuterie, and fresh and marinated meats ready for grilling. *almonddrestaurant.com*

Fashionistas (up to size 10) look forward to the new **Loveshackfancy** store landing in Sag Harbor

at 117 Main Street, the former Calypso St. Barth space. Dresses, tops, bottoms, what more does one need? *loveshakfancy.com* Plus, they're excited about **Faherty**, a company proud to design clothing made from unique and sustainable fabrics, coming to the old Breezin' Up location, right next to Sag Harbor Liquor Store on Main Street. *fahertybrand.com*

Greenport's Jake Rose has just come out with another local coloring book—**Color Sag Harbor**. Paint the town any color you want. *colorourtown.com*

**Topiaire Flower Shop** on Jobs Lane in Southampton is completely renovating and expanding their building! *topiaireflowers.com*

Have you been to the new **Marshall's and Home Goods** in Riverhead yet? You go to the head of the river once a month to hit the outlets and big-box stores, right? This new one is big for sure. Is it two stores or one? Yes. Two entrances, one big store that meets in the middle, one long row of checkout counters. It's so clean, organized and popular, patrons are wondering—will there ever be piles of clearance stuff? The mind reels. Décor, towels, gourmet tidbits, seasonal details. *1762 Old Country Road, Riverhead. 631-727-2380, marshallsonline.com*

Look for far more of East Hamptonite Martha Stewart's products, including partyware, at the many **Michaels** stores across the country, including our local outlet in Riverhead. *michaels.com*

When out and about shopping for your life, you might take a mini-break and head to the new **Goldberg's Famous Bagels**, which opened in Jamesport in February. It's located in the former Lenny's North Fork Bagelry & Café at 1451 Main Road. *theoriginalgoldbergsbagels.com*

**The Market** will be one of the largest outdoor weekly summer markets on the East End, located in the heart of Shelter Island. Open from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend, The Market will curate a unique opportunity for local artisans, farmers, food

producers and others to showcase their products in one of the hottest markets outside New York while promoting community, social gathering and sustainability. *themarket21.com*

What time is it? Time for a watch shop! **Audemars Piguet**, a Swiss luxury watch company, is moving into the vacant spot next to J.Crew at 16 Main Street. The goal of the company, according to their website, is to "merge avant-garde technology with over 140 years of savoir-faire." *16 Main Street, East Hampton. audemarspiguet.com/en*

Speaking of **J.Crew**, the classic retailer is getting a new pop-up of its own. A mini **Madewell** shop is popping-up in the East Hampton J.Crew location. Because they're sister stores, shoppers can now browse classic Madewell staples like leather totes and flats, as well as token J.Crew accessories. *14 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-5034, jcrew.com*

Looking for luxury quality? Look no further than **Loro Piana**, opening next door to **BookHampton** on Main Street in East Hampton. Shoppers at Loro Piana will find quality cashmere (and baby cashmere for the little ones!), athleisure, techno suede, and lines for both men and women. *47 Main Street, East Hampton. loropiana.com/en/*

The new owners of **Rothman's Department Store** in Southold are completely revamping this local standby.

**Goldsmith's Toys and Electronics** opened at 128 Main Street, Greenport on March 3, in the former Book Scout space (Pete Stevens retired after almost 40 years of selling used books). Goldsmith's moved from 138 Main Street where it was for 34 years. Local owner Kathy Halliwell keeps it open year-round. Check out the sea life mural on the floor, by local painter Carla Oberlander, and Goldsmith's famous rubber ducky collection. *631-477-0466*

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# Hamptons Happenings »»»

*Some of the fun events happening in the Hamptons and on the North Fork this week.*

### GLOBAL WARMING

#### *An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power*

**When:** April 20, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Southampton Arts Center  
25 Jobs Lane, Southampton

**What:** This film follows former Vice President Al Gore as he travels around the world training climate champions and influencing international climate policy.

**Contact:** 631-283-0967, *southamptonartscenter.org*

### HARMONIOUS HARMONICA

#### *John Popper*

**When:** April 20, 8 p.m.

**Where:** Suffolk Theater,  
118 East Main Street, Riverhead

**What:** 92.9 & 96.9 EHM presents John Popper with special guest opener Katrina Woolverton. Popper is a seven-time platinum-selling, Grammy-winning artist known for his bluesy voice and harmonica.

**Contact:** 631-727-4343, *suffolktheater.com*

### LOL CATS AND DOGGOS

#### *NFAWL 5th Annual Comedy Benefit*

**When:** April 21, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Vail-Leavitt Music Hall  
18 Peconic Avenue, Riverhead

**What:** The North Fork Animal Welfare League is hosting a comedy night to raise money for renovations on the Henry Pfeifer Community Center. Jodie Wasserman, seen on NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, headlines the event. \$40.

**Contact:** 917-929-9315, *main.nfawl.org*

### PARTY FOR EDUCATION

#### *Spring Fling 2018*

**When:** April 21, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Parrish Art Museum  
279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill

**What:** This party features live music by NOIZ, a silent auction, photo booth, open bar and hors d'oeuvres catered by Elegant Affairs. Proceeds benefit the museum's education programs. \$225.

**Contact:** 631-283-2118, *parrishart.org*

### Kid Stuff »»»

*Kids events on the East End.*

### TIME TO BUY A TIE

#### *Job & Internship Fair*

**When:** April 20, 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Southampton Town Hall  
116 Hampton Road, Southampton

**What:** The Southampton Youth Bureau hosts a career fair featuring 20 local employers looking to hire for summer or year-round jobs. Those interested should bring a résumé and dress in office attire. Free. Ages 14–21.

**Contact:** 631-702-2421, *southamptontownny.gov*

### CARING FOR MOTHER EARTH

#### *Earth Day Celebration for Families*

**When:** April 21, 10 a.m.

**Where:** Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge, 2595 Noyac Road, Sag Harbor

**What:** Families with children, join eco-educator and naturalist Erika L. Haberkorn from Harmonious Earth and Kids on an exploration of the wildlife refuge. There will be a short discussion on simple practices and easy tips to guide families to be more Earth-

friendly at home and in their local community. Free. Registration required.

**Contact:** 631-725-0049, *johnjermain.org*

### E-I-E-I-O

#### *Farmer's Helper at The Green School*

**When:** April 22, 10 a.m.

**Where:** The Green School, Sagaponack

**What:** Kids can visit The Green School's eco-friendly farm for a true animal care experience. Learn from an animal educator how to care for animals big and small, including horses, pigs, chickens and goats. \$50. Register for address. Ages 3–9.

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## News and Trends Hitting the East End in 2018

BY STACY DERMONT

**A**s we gear up for another fabulous Hamptons summer, what trends do you see affecting East End dining and drinking this season? We asked some area experts in the food and beverage industry and here's what they had to say:

People are becoming educated and more familiar with the names of farmers and growers on the Island, and they want to see this being served when they go out to eat. If someone visits Balsam Farms during the day, they will get excited when they see something from Balsam Farms listed on a menu. It goes back to that connection and they want to be a part of that community.—**Rachel Cronemeyer Flatley, Pastry Chef of Honest Man Restaurants, which includes Nick & Toni's, Rowdy Hall, La Fondita, Townline BBQ, Nick & Toni's Café and Honest Catering.**

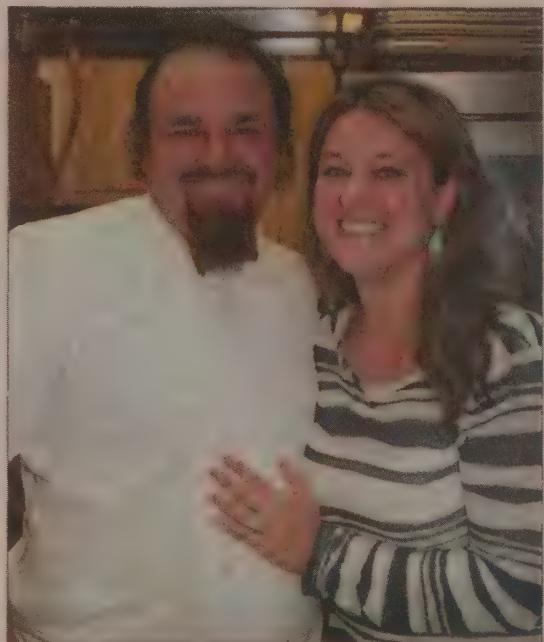
Natural wines and organic wines are on the rise. We're just back from Paris where 90% of the wines are natural. I see cocktails growing more and more each year. We're introducing more natural options, playing with infusions in vodka and rum and with teas. We did a fresh mint tea from our garden last year. This year we're planting more herbs like verbena, not just for the kitchen....—**Chef Arie Pavlou, Bistro Été, Water Mill**

As more people read labels, locally sourced products will remain a trend for the 2018 summer

season. New products with East End brands have hit the market, but producing in faraway places and shipping in order to bottle on the East End is a very different story than being sourced and produced locally, which we're committed to. This summer we're excited to pair our rum, gin and whiskey cocktails with the delicious food at the Lobster Roll! When the doors open up, it's a sure sign of summer.—**Kimberly Sarris Royal, Montauk Rumrunners, Montauk**

Even more so now than in the past, we're focusing on local sustainability. We've seen the markets jump all over the place because of availability issues and the fishery problems are complex. We're going to do our part by incorporating more sustainable options at the Clam Bar. We're also going to focus more on the "local" aspect. The East End is evolving and has much more than just wine to offer. We're excited to introduce a new and improved menu! Don't worry, our classics aren't going anywhere. Expect to see a wider selection of healthy items, like more salads and grilled fish tacos! Expect to see smaller batch local beers, as well as hard seltzers and other gluten-free beverages and more.—**Leigh Goodstein, General Manager, Clam Bar at Napeague, Napeague**

"We're seeing vegetables take on a more prominent role on many menus, rather than just a side dish. We've created more dishes this season that are lighter and more beach friendly, such as our new Persian Cucumber Salad with wakame and sesame,



Co-owners of Bistro Été, Chef Arie and Liz Pavlou

Barbara Lassen

tossed with an orange ponzu."—**Franklin Ferguson, Partner, Navy Beach, Montauk**

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—Anthony Nappa, Anthony Nappa Wines, Peconic

Diners are continuing to become more informed about where their food comes from and are wanting to eat healthier. So the farm-to-table movement is here to stay, as is the sea-to-table movement. I also feel that the traditional concept of appetizer, entrée and dessert is being challenged as more guests want to try more menu items in a much more casual way, without giving up on the quality of food or service. With regards to the drinking scene, I'm working with my staff to steer guests towards the Drink Local page of our wine book as I believe we're producing some incredible wine right here in our backyard. Guests really don't want to peruse a 20-page wine list but instead want to try something different every time they come in. At the bar itself, I think the creative cocktails using great, natural ingredients and the comeback of the classics with a twist is going to continue to grow.

Just being able to do what I love is what I'm excited about—we're entering our 21st season, which is no small accomplishment out here in such a competitive and seasonal market—and, of course, the addition of The Plaza Cafe on Wheels [food truck]!  
—Doug Gulija, chef/owner, The Plaza Café, Southampton

There are more and more sustainable agriculture practices taking hold with pasture-raised animals, and farm-to-table products ever on the rise. We've

seen more restaurants focusing on healthy eating with menus shifting in the direction of plant-based and organic ingredients as food trends like veganism and gluten-free diets increase and people take an increasing interest in the foods they eat. In the wine industry, we've seen an increase in the use of alternative forms of packaging and closures such as screw caps and cans. This is a very exciting change in the industry that we expect to continue to increase over the next few years as the market continues to embrace the new, approachable packaging styles. We're very excited about the release of our 2017 Sauvignon Blanc, which we believe is the best expression of this varietal we've made so far! However, our biggest news this season is the May opening of the Suhru Wines Tasting House, located on the Main Road in Cutchogue. We're excited to connect with our customers and give them a chance to enjoy our wines in a warm, inviting environment.

If we had to guess, we expect that Pinot Noir will be the first varietal to bud break in 2018, and our guess would be that it will happen around April 26.  
—Shelby Hearn, Suhru Wines, Mattituck

This year's new small plates menu concept at the Bridgehampton Inn offers more choices, and smaller portions are fun and satisfying and give our customers better options on how to dine in our restaurant!—Sybille van Kempen, Bridgehampton Inn, Bridgehampton

It's exciting having our friends from Eleven Madison Park (EMP) come back to East Hampton. Not only is it a great place just down the road from us for food, drinks and fun, it's a fabulous opportunity for us to strengthen our ties with EMP and discover new ways our finishing salt is being used. I'm most looking forward to Ping Pong while sipping summery, craft cocktails and having a black-truffle Humm Dog!



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Winemaker Anthony Nappa

Fingers crossed that Leo the Gnome, Chef Daniel's deconstructed bouillabaisse, and Milk and Honey soft serve will be around again.—Steven Judelson, Amagansett Sea Salt, Amagansett

I don't drink beer, but I've noticed the beer and hard cider places are mad crowded. More craft beer places are opening on the North Fork, one in Mattituck. I'm waiting for the fresh, local spinach and asparagus!—Stephanie Villani, author of the popular cookbook *The Fisherman's Wife*, Mattituck

I predict a continuation of the farm-to-table movement. The focus should be on using local produce and bounty from the sea. The excitement is waiting all winter for the fishing season to start. For example, tonight's dinner consisted of fresh caught flounder, potato salad made from local potatoes, coleslaw and beets which were grown locally.  
—Al Daniels, local fisheries expert, Sag Harbor

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# Chef Dominic Rice Ready for Summer & Rosé

BY STACY DERMONT

**S**outhampton chef Dominic Rice is pumped for another season in the Hamptons. "Calissa is entering our second year and we're excited to see all our customers," he says of his Water Mill restaurant. "We have a lot of events planned for this summer including our agora [Greek for "gathering place"] pop-ups featuring global designers including Worth & Worth and Turnbull & Asser; winemaker dinners on Thursdays—expect winemakers from Bordeaux to Santorini; live music on summer Fridays—Gipsy Kings, Ludmilla Brazil; and DJs Saturday evenings. We open May 4."

You can meet Rice at Dan's Rosé Soirée Presented by Porsche, the official kickoff to summer on Sunday, May 27, and taste some of his Greek fare.

## Where are you from originally?

I was born in Michigan, where we had a lot of fields, creeks and lakes to choose from. We would pick wild berries from bushes in the summer and fish in the summer and winter, enjoying the bounty of food that the land around us provided. To this day, I enjoy the changing seasons and the excitement of tasting fruits and vegetables at the peak of the season and feel fortunate that Long Island is blessed with so many natural resources.

## How does the East End inform your cooking?

The bounty of produce, meats and seafood—the freshness is second to none and the people are so passionate about what they do, it's inspiring.

## What person has inspired your career the most?

I did my culinary externship at Restaurant Gary Danko in San Francisco and to see a total symphony of service and food was an enlightening experience.

That always gave me a vision of what excellence can be. We should always strive to give our guests the amazing experience that they deserve.

## What's the most important thing to teach the next generation of chefs?

To take their time in becoming a chef. You should work at multiple restaurants and see how different chefs operate. Once you have the tools to lead, mentor and execute at a high level, it's our responsibility to teach the next generation and pass along the experience that we have accumulated.

## Which Long Island wines are you drinking these days?

Channing Daughters Winery in Bridgehampton has some interesting blends. I enjoy the Lagrein 2010.

## What's your favorite dish to prepare?

I like to use the plancha to cook, whether it be a Montauk Striped Bass with crispy skin or Dutch runner beans that are charred and garnished with some local ramps. The flavors you can get are clean and delicious.

I went camping with some friends and we cooked over an open fire. It takes some practice to be able to control a "wild fire." It made me appreciate the ability in my kitchen to turn a burner on and off, but also respect someone like Francis Mallmann who uses it exclusively.

## Do you ever eat at your own restaurant?

While working, I'm always on the lookout for mistakes that servers, cooks and managers are making so that we can provide our guest with

the best experience. When I eat at one of my restaurants I always like to relax and enjoy the experience and it gives me great perspective into the diners' thought process. I always come away impressed at the hard work that it takes to execute on a high level.

## What's an ingredient or method that you refuse to use?

I avoid truffle oil when possible, as it's basically perfumed oil. It reminds me of hazelnut coffee, smells good, but just tastes like plain coffee.

## What makes a cocktail a "craft cocktail?"

Taking the time to make your own ingredients, such as bitters, shrubs and/or juices from scratch.

## What's your favorite thing about Dan's Taste of Summer events?

I enjoy the energy and buzz at the events. They're always managed well and the staff is exceptional.

## What does the phrase "taste of summer" bring to mind for you?

That would be synonymous with freshness, items at the peak of summer enjoyed simply.

*Dan's Rosé Soirée Presented by Porsche is Sunday, May 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Southampton Arts Center. GA tickets are \$140. VIP tickets are \$190 and include event entry from 5 to 8 p.m. PLUS access to the Rosé After Dark VIP After Party Presented by The Palm by Whispering Angel, from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at RoseHamptons.com. Patrons must be 21 or older.*

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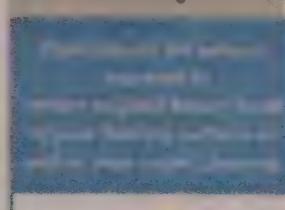
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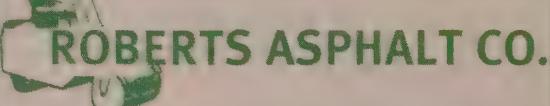
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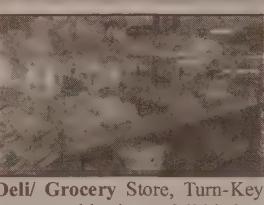
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BY LAURA EULER

**D**on't you hate when you run the largest Ponzi scheme in history and it all comes crashing down during a financial crisis and then the U.S. government seizes your beloved Montauk vacation home? Who doesn't? But especially Bernie Madoff.

This house, oceanfront on Old Montauk Highway, was built between 1980-82 by the Madoffs. It was seized by the government in 2009 and put on the market, selling rather quickly for \$9.41 to billionaire real estate mogul Steven Roth. Roth is chairman of

commercial real estate giant Vornado Realty Trust. Frankly, we expected the house to be demolished, but instead, Roth and his wife, theater producer Daryl Roth, hired architect and designer Thierry Despont to remodel the dated structure. Later, the redesigned house was featured in *Architectural Digest*, looking absolutely spectacular.

The house is once again listed by Corcoran, repped by Gary DePersia and Joan Hegner. Asking price is \$21 million. Is it worth it? Hard to say. Oceanfront acres run about \$8 million in Montauk these days and this property is 1.5 acres. However, the house looks great (no building work needed), and, because the house was built so long ago, it's way closer to the water than is allowed today. It sits on the beach on a protected bluff with a path to the private beachfront. There's 180 feet of direct ocean frontage. The house itself is 3,000 square feet, with three bedrooms, an oceanside pool and cabana. We can easily see some deep-pocketed types falling in love and having to have it. 

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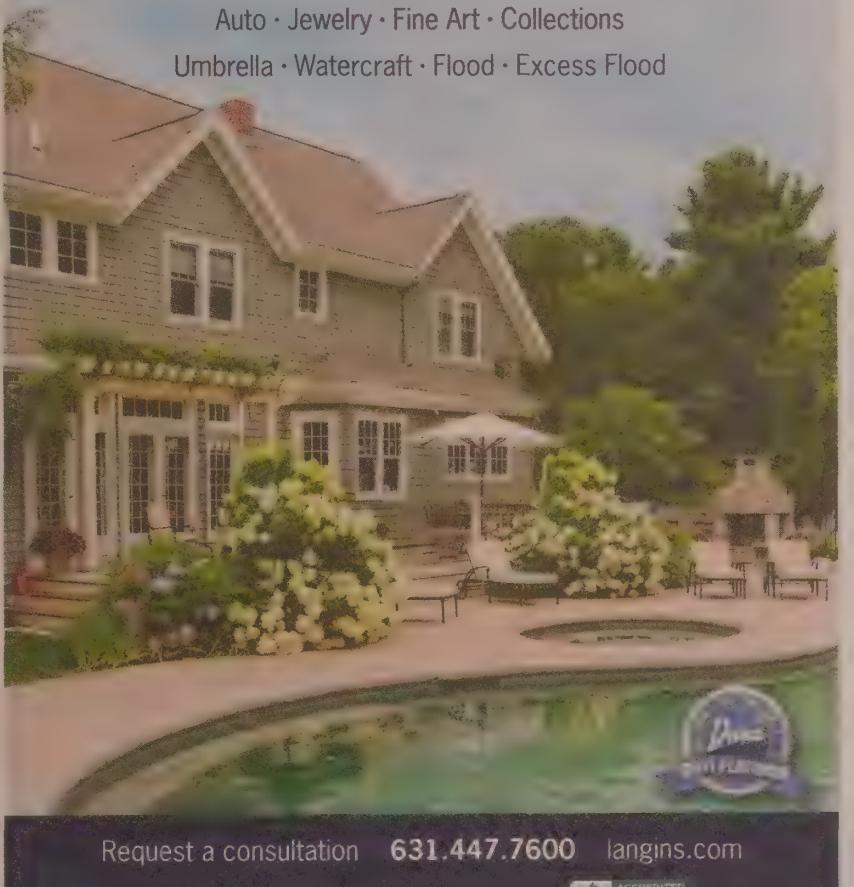
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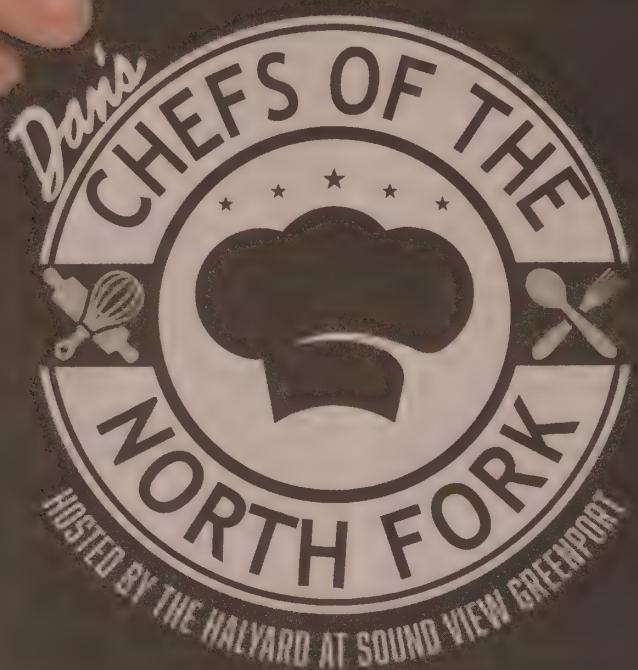


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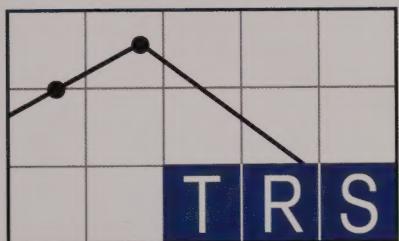
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